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If the current proposed settlement in the antitrust case against Microsoft is implemented, it will shake my confidence in the system of justice of the United States of America. Microsoft was found to have broken the law, and that finding was affirmed unanimously on appeal. To allow them to keep the monopoly they have illegally maintained, extended, and abused is bad enough, but to let them continue the abusive practices is over the top.

I have been an observer of Microsoft and user of their products over the past 16 years. A number of their products, both developed by Microsoft and by companies they have since purchased, are important to the functioning of my small business. They have done a lot of good for me and for users of computers generally. They built a monopoly in large part, fairly and legally. But that extra margin they gained through nefarious means is the most damaging to consumers because it takes out the marginal players that can make the competitive market work.

The simple fact is that this is a bad settlement. It is a betrayal of the users of software, the software industry, and the American People generally.

Microsoft has demonstrated in the past, and in the very language of this settlement that they will abuse the trust that it is based on, and carry on in their illegal ways.

Please do not let this case settle in this manor.

Respectfully,

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